tural carts within Municipal limits. This arrangement will help the Municipality in maintaining its conservancy arrangements.

Dewan's reply.—Let the Municipal Board consider this and submit their proposals.

Subject No. 293.

Octroi on betel-leaves, tobacco, &c., in Kolar Town.

Summary of discussion.—An Octroi may be levied on betel-leaves, tobacco, &c., pending the introduction of a Municipal Regulation.

Dewan's reply.—This is also for the Municipal Board first to consider and resolve upon. The Government will have no objection.

Subject No. 294.

Levy of House-tax when exempted houses are tenanted by unexempted person.

Summary of discussion.—If an agriculturist or other person exempted from House-tax under the Mohatarfa Rules lodges coolies in parts of his house or out-houses, these premises are assessed with House-tax. This is hard.

Dewan's reply.—There is no hardship in this, as the coolies would be liable if they lived elsewhere.

Note.—The speaker then went on to represent some of his own grievances. He asked for an endowment of lands under the rules for a Musafarkhana he was building. He complained that the produce of trees on the bund of a resigned kodagi tank was being sold by auction, though the trees had been planted by him. He stated also that a private tope of his had been assessed too high at the Survey Settlement. The *Dewan* replied that these were matters for individual representation to the Deputy Commissioner, that it had long ago been settled that the trees on a kodagi tank bund went with the kodagi tank, and that if the speaker assigned his tope for the public benefit, there would be no objection to the assessment being altogether remitted.

Subject No. 295.

Ibbaligе measure in Kolar District.

Summary of discussion.—The Ibbaligе measure (a measure of two ballas) used by the Mandi merchants of Kolar, Bowringpet, Malur and other Taluks for the purpose of measuring out grains, has not been stamped by Government. This enables the merchants to practise fraud and cause loss to many persons. A uniform Ibbaligе measure, duly stamped by Government, should be introduced into the District, and merchants strictly prohibited from using any that are not stamped.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner will be instructed.

Subject No. 296.

Tank Inspectors and Municipal and District Fund Works.

Summary of discussion.—Municipal and District Fund works should be carried out through the agency of the Tank Inspectors, and the pay of these officials increased and a horse allowance granted to them. The employment of separate hands for the purpose, will cause obstruction to the works by the same being entrusted to new and inexperienced persons and entail additional cost on Government.

Dewan's reply.—No separate establishment is contemplated.

Subject No. 297.
Deputy Commissioners' powers of sanctioning works.

Summary of discussion.—The Deputy Commissioners should be empowered to sanction works to the amount of Rs. 1,000 instead of Rs. 500 as at present.

Dewan's reply.—(After consulting Local Officers present). Not required at present. Inexpedient.

Subject No. 298.
Tolls at the Gold Fields bazaars.

Summary of discussion.—As much trade is carried on at the weekly bazaars at Bowringpet and Urigaum, it is desirable to levy a duty on tobacco, betel-leaves, &c., brought thereto for sale; also that a toll-gate may be established, and a reasonable toll levied on the bullocks and things brought to the said bazaars for sale. This would yield a large revenue, which may be utilized for the construction of market buildings in the above mentioned places, where they are sadly wanted.

Dewan's reply.—Under consideration. The Deputy Commissioner has sent up proposals for opening toll-gates at frontier stations.

Subject No. 299.
Honge leaf leases should be for ten years.

Summary of discussion.—The present temporary system of leasing out Honge leaves to wet land cultivators for manure at Rs. 1-12-0 per one hundred trees should be continued for ten years, as the arrangement would prove advantageous both to Government and to the raiyats and save the trees from destruction. Raiyats cultivating wet lands in villages having no such trees, should be allowed leases out of the numerous trees situated in Bechirakh villages where no wet cultivation is carried on.

Dewan's reply.—Will consider. The Deputy Commissioner has submitted some proposals on the subject.

Subject No. 300.
Advances for water pumps.

Summary of discussion.—Water pumps should be supplied to raiyats by Government to facilitate cultivation, and the cost recovered by instalments.

Dewan's reply.—When a similar representation was made last year, it was replied that there was no objection to the proposal. It is doubtful if pumps will be popular and a water lift better in all respects than the kapile has yet to be invented. If however any one really needs such help, let him apply for it.

Subject No. 301.
Produce of trees on bunds of private tanks.

Summary of discussion.—The produce of Honge trees planted by the owners on the bunds of their private tanks is included in the Batayi sales since the Survey Settlement. The trees should be restored to the Hakdars. The tanks are still private property, the usual remission of one-fourth assessment being granted under it.

Dewan's reply.—The practice of the Kolar and Tumkur Districts in this matter will be enquired into.